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TUITION REFERENDUM RESULTS

About 4,600 students voted in the referendum questions, 9 percent of the entire student body

In support of a tuition increase
65 percent of participating students voted against a tuition increase

In support of budget cuts to University services and program
72 percent of participating students voted against budget cuts

Capital Metro struggles to solve overcrowding

By Kayla Jonsson
Daily Texan Staff

Despite limited funds, the Capital Metro transit system is attempting to ease concerns of overcrowding on UT shuttles and city buses.

Capital Metro, the system that runs UT's shuttles and city buses, gave rides to one million more people in 2011 than in 2010, Capital Metro spokes-

woman Erica McKewen said. McKewen said there are 400 buses and shuttles driving 83 routes around Austin and the number of buses has not changed in spite of the increase in ridership. There city does not have funds to add more buses currently, she said.

"More people are choosing to ride the bus for a variety of their own reasons," McKewen said. "Most are turning to the buses

because of increasing gas prices, but some are trying to go green, save money or are just tired of the stress of dealing with traffic every day."

McKewen said Capital Metro is always trying to find sponsors and government programs to improve the system. She said a recent study called Service Plan 2020 helped Capital

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Students stand on a full 40 Acres bus Thursday morning. Capital Metro is trying to ease concerns about overcrowding on the UT shuttles and city buses.

Andreina Velazquez
Daily Texan Staff



Student election results announced



Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

(Top) Student government nominees wait for the announcement of campus-wide election results Thursday evening. (Above) Newly elected business representative Sam Leonard and natural science representative Kenzie Spaniol celebrate their new positions.

By Alexa Ura
Daily Texan Staff

Newly elected University and Student Government student representatives celebrated the end of their campaigns at the announcement of campus-wide student election results Thursday.

Election Supervisory Board chair Eric Nimmer announced the results of the campus-wide general election Thursday night in front of the Tower. Winners included Daily Texan editor-in-chief Susannah Jacob, Graduate Student Assembly President Michael Redding, board members for the University Co-op and University Unions, the student members of Texas Student Media's board of trustees and Student Government's University-wide and college representatives.

The elections for president and vice president did not go forward this week after former candidates Madison Gardner and Antonio Guevara filed a lawsuit against the University on Tuesday to challenge their disqualification. A Travis County judge issued a temporary restraining order postponing the elections for at least two weeks.

Melinda Sutton, deputy to the Dean of Students and SG advisor, said SG did not know how

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DKR fund aims to conduct research on Alzheimer's

By Alex Ura
Daily Texan Staff

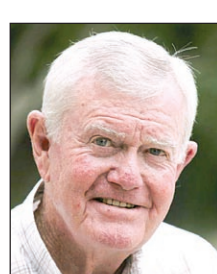
Legendary football coach Darrell K Royal left behind a legacy on the football field that will also continue into the field of Alzheimer's research.

The Darrell K Royal Fund for Alzheimer's Research was launched Tuesday during the testimony of his wife Edith Royal at a Texas Senate Interim Joint Committee hearing on Alzheimer's disease.

"Everyday since Darrell's diagnosis of dementia, I deal with the stress of managing everything without my best friend helping me to make decisions," she said. "It is an important legacy, as important as football, that we lend the strength of Darrell's name to this incredible group of prominent Texans who want to join us in this endeavor."

Darrell Royal has been living with dementia for several years and sat next to his wife during the hearing. He spoke briefly in front of the committee.

"I feel that I am home when I visit Austin, Texas," said Darrell Royal, who proudly held up his "Hook



Darrell K Royal

Former UT Football coach

"Em" sign as he left the Senate floor.

Royal is the winningest football coach in UT history. In 20 seasons at Texas from 1957-1976, he coached the Longhorns to 167 wins, including three national championships.

According to their website, the DKR Fund will conduct clinical research on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias with the hope of funding collaborative research in Texas that can be promoted nationwide.

Texas ranks third in the nation regarding the number of citizens diagnosed with the disease, according to

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Possible tuition raise would increase loan need

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

The Office of Student Financial Services must use current tuition rates to determine financial aid because the Board of Regents has yet to set a date for its 2012-2014 tuition setting meeting.

That means parents and University students may need to take out more in private loans next year if the UT System Board of Regents approves tuition increases at a Regents meeting with an undetermined date, said Student Financial Services director Tom Melecki. He said the office is working to get financial aid packages to recently accepted high school seniors by March 20 and to current students by April 9.

"If we award students financial aid on the basis of a higher tuition rate that does not materialize, then the students would be over-awarded and we would have to go back and reduce their aid," Melecki said.

Melecki said if tuition is increased, it is possible that more parents will need to borrow fed-

eral direct parent loans to cover the cost.

"One of the reasons we believe that is because typically, even with the current cost, it is not unusual for a student to use all of their eligibility for a federal direct student loan," he said. "We might have to ask mom or dad to take on a little bit more debt."

On Dec. 15, President William Powers Jr. sent his recommendation to the Regents for the largest tuition increase the UT System will allow for the next two academic years. For in-state undergraduates, the recommended 2.6 percent increase translates into \$127 more each semester in the next academic year. Every other student category would face a 3.6 percent increase. For out-of-state undergraduates, the increase will be between \$560 and \$642 more each semester next academic year.

Under state law, a percentage of tuition revenue must go towards need-based financial aid. Melecki said if the Regents increase tuition, then the Office of Student Financial Services will make adjustments to increase the number

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—Tom Melecki
Student Financial Services Director

of University Tuition Grants given to needy students. He said the funding for these grants would increase by \$2 million if the Regents approve Powers' tuition recommendation. He said some

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Syrian rebels retreat from Homs after month of military siege

BEIRUT — After a punishing, monthlong military siege, Syrian rebels made what they called a “tactical retreat” Thursday from a key district in Homs, saying they were running low on weapons and the humanitarian conditions were unbearable.

Within hours of the rebels’ withdrawal, President Bashar Assad’s regime granted permission for the International Committee of the Red Cross to enter the neighborhood of Baba Amr, which had become a symbol of the resistance.

Human rights workers have been appealing for access for weeks to deliver food, water and medicine, and to help evacuate the wounded from an area that has been sealed off and attacked by the government since early February.

The Red Cross and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent received a “green light” from the Syrian authorities to enter Baba Amr on Friday “to bring in much-needed assistance including food and medical aid, and to carry out evacuation operations,” ICRC spokesman Hicham Hassan said in Geneva.

Despite internal EU troubles, Serbia becomes a candidate

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders formally made Serbia a candidate for membership in the bloc, in a remarkable turnaround for a country considered a pariah just over a decade ago.

Serbia had been widely expected to get EU candidacy in December after it captured two top war crimes suspects, but was disappointed when Germany delayed the move, saying it wanted to see more progress in talks with Kosovo.

Serbia spent much of the 1990s ostracized and isolated from the EU after its then-strongman Slobodan Milosevic started the wars in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. In 1999, NATO bombed Serbia to prevent a crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

Candidate status is an initial step on the road to EU membership. Belgrade will still probably have to wait for about a year to open actual accession negotiations, which can then drag on for several years.

Maryland becomes eighth state to legalize same-sex marriage

BELTSVILLE, Md. — Maryland became the eighth state to legalize gay marriage on Thursday, as opponents were already rallying voters to reverse the change this fall.

Many African American church leaders oppose gay marriage in the liberal-leaning state that’s nearly one-third black, and President Barack Obama’s re-election campaign is expected to drive many of their congregants to the polls. Opponents submitted draft language for a ballot referendum to overturn the measure last week.

Gov. Martin O’Malley signed the bill into law Thursday, and it takes effect in January 2013. Maryland is the first state south of the Mason-Dixon line to legalize same-sex marriage.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports



Wade Payne | Associated Press

The foundation is all that remains of the home where Carolyn Jones was killed by a deadly tornado in the Rinnie Community near Crossville, Tenn. on Thursday. A pre-dawn twister flattened entire blocks of homes Wednesday as violent storms ravaged the Midwest and South.

Devastated Midwest towns may face more destruction

By Jim Suhr
The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Ill. — Crews cleared splintered plywood and smashed appliances from small-town neighborhoods Thursday, a day after tornadoes killed 13 people in the Midwest and South. But the forecast held a menacing possibility: More twisters may be coming, and they could be even stronger.

Damaged communities tried to take advantage of the brief break in the weather, mindful of one meteorologist’s warning that by Friday, both regions would again be “right in the bull’s eye.”

Skies were sunny in the southern Illinois community of Harrisburg, where Darrell Osman was back in the rubble of his dead mother’s home, trying to salvage whatever he could. When he arrived, a neighbor handed him his mother’s wallet, which the storm had deposited in a truck near her home.

He couldn’t help but think of the pain that would be inflicted if another twister hit Harrisburg, where six people were killed.

“On a personal level, I think I’ve been hit as hard as I can be hit, but it would be disheartening for this community,” Osman said.

National Weather Service meteorologist Beverly Poole said severe storms are expected to roll through the region again after midnight Thursday and linger into early Friday, possibly bringing hail and rain.

Then yet another system is expected to arrive Friday afternoon.

Both rounds of violent weather carry the potential of more tornadoes, Poole said.

The weather service planned to bring a severe-weather specialist to the region’s command

center to provide up-to-the-minute information before and during the storms.

Osman awoke before Wednesday’s storm because he was alerted by his special weather radio. He said early warning equipment was essential.

“The peace of mind you get from it sitting on your dresser is well worth the cost,” he said.

Authorities warned that the next line of storms was forecast to take a similar path and potentially grow stronger than Wednesday’s system.

Ryan Jewell, a meteorologist with the Storm Prediction Center, said, both the Midwest and South will be directly in the danger zone.

In Missouri, one person was killed in the town of Buffalo, while two more fatalities were reported in the Cassville and Puxico areas. All three died in mobile homes.

A Harveyville, Kan., man suffered fatal injuries after his home collapsed on him.

Another twister hoppedscotched down the main thoroughfare of the country music mecca of Branson, Mo., damaging some of the city’s famous theaters just days before the start of the town’s crucial tourist season.

Local leaders insisted Branson was open for business, but they expected the full cleanup to take weeks.

The Harrisburg tornado was an EF4, the second-highest rating given to twisters based on damage. Scientists said it was 200 yards wide with winds up to 170 mph.

Adding to the danger was the storm’s timing: It hit when many people were fast slept.

Meteorologist Harold Brooks called that unusual but “not completely uncommon.”

Brooks, with the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Okla., said perhaps 10

percent of tornadoes strike between midnight and 6 a.m., a time when storms are harder to spot, and it’s harder to get the word out.

“If you’re asleep, you’re less likely going to hear anything, any warning message on the danger,” Brooks said.

That didn’t appear to be the case in Harrisburg, where the mayor credited storm spotters for saving lives.

In eastern Tennessee, where three people were killed, donated storage units were to be offered to families whose homes were damaged so they could store possessions before the next line of storms.

North Korean nuclear deal raises particular questions

By Jean H. Lee
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Surprise and skepticism met the announcement that North Korea would freeze most nuclear activities in exchange for food aid from the United States.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said U.S. officials will closely watch North Korea carry out its promises to suspend uranium enrichment at its Yongbyon nuclear complex, stop long-range missile and nuclear tests and allow International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors to return.

Both sides call the steps confidence-building measures to improve relations between the U.S. and North Korea, and recognized the 1953 Korean War armistice as a “cornerstone” of peace on the Korean peninsula.

Some key questions and answers about the agreement announced late Wednesday:

Q: What is North Korea’s motivation for reaching this deal?

A: Ensuring stability. As Kim Jong Un becomes the third-generation Kim to lead the nation, North Korea’s leadership is keen to resolve potentially destabilizing issues, including the U.S. military presence in South Korea and chronic food shortages.

The Korean peninsula has been in a technical state of war since 1953, and a peace treaty with the U.S. is a key foreign policy goal for North Korea.

Food shortages in the country are chronic. Sanctions were imposed in 2006 and tightened in 2009 after two nuclear tests, and aid promised in exchange for disarmament was halted. The North Koreans would like to raise the issue of lifting those sanctions in future talks.

Q: What does this agreement say about Kim Jong Un’s fledgling rule?

A: This deal is the clearest sign yet that the foreign policy laid out during Kim Jong Il’s rule will be carried out under Kim Jong Un, and suggests a measure of stability and continuity in Pyongyang two months after his father’s death.

The Associated Press reported in December they were on the verge of signing the deal when Kim Jong Il’s death put those negotiations (of food aid for dearmament) on hold. That the North Koreans returned to the negotiations before the end of the semiofficial 100-day mourning period indicates unity.

Q: What are North Korea’s current nuclear capabilities?

A: North Korea tested nuclear devices in 2006 and 2009 and is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for four to eight “primitive” atomic bombs, according to U.S. scientist Siegfried Hecker at Stanford University.

Q: How effective will the agreement be in curtailing North Korea’s nuclear capabilities?

A: Hecker says he has advised the U.S. government to think about three points: No more bombs, no better bombs and no exports. The suspension of uranium enrichment will limit its ability to make more bombs, while the moratorium means it won’t be able to test its devices. U.N. inspectors are to be allowed back into North Korea’s facilities to verify it is adhering to the agreement.

Q: How and when will the U.S. food aid arrive?

A: U.S. officials and non-governmental organizations say experts will have to be on the ground in North Korea before food delivery begins. Aid groups say that could take anywhere from several weeks to months.

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OVERVIEW

The K-12 connection

After the release of the final report from the task force on 4-year graduation rates, many leaders throughout the state are expressing doubts about the mania surrounding on-time graduation. The report mirrored the larger narrative — championed by the UT System Board of Regents — that demands more efficient universities. But the push for efficiency in higher education is often coupled with a mentality that ignores the human aspect of students’ degrees and advocates a strict adherence to improving quantitative metrics.

Many college students cannot graduate in 4 years because they are forced to take remedial classes when entering. In Texas, 40 percent of students must complete at least one remedial class before moving on to credit-earning courses. Oftentimes this is a product of institutional, rather than personal, deficiency. Last September, UT President William Powers Jr. characterized K-12 education as the foremost issue affecting higher education that he does not have the power to change. As Powers noted, primary and secondary education sets the

foundation for university-level work. Poor preparation leads to poor performance in college. At the root of the K-12 education problem is funding.

In last year’s session, the Legislature reduced state funding for public education by \$5.4 billion, leaving school districts strapped for cash. There are now 5 different lawsuits — involving more than 500 Texas school districts — against the state as a result of the cuts. Wednesday, state officials announced the formation of a joint interim committee to resolve conflicts in the incredibly troubled, incredibly complicated school finance system. Whatever the decisions the committee may make would ostensibly affect UT; university funding and public school funding are intrinsically linked.

With every cut to public education, school districts are less able to adequately prepare their students for college-level work, effectively delaying on-time graduation. As long as graduation rates are a powerful metric in university funding, efficiency-based funding for public schools directly affects UT.



Continue considering race in admissions



By Kayla Oliver
Daily Texan Columnist

This fall the Supreme Court will return to an issue it last discussed in 2003: affirmative action in university admissions. Fisher v. The University of Texas at Austin involves a white student who, after being denied admission, claimed that the University’s consideration of race in the admissions process violated her civil and constitutional rights. Although the use of affirmative action does imply preferential admission of minority students in some cases, the long-term social benefits of affirmative action policies outweigh isolated individual grievances.

Since the popularization of affirmative action policies in the 1960s, the Supreme Court has set a number of precedents in similar cases. In the late 1970s, the court ruled in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke that while race may be considered in admissions, the use of a strict racial quota system violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. In the 2003 case Grutter v. Bollinger, the Supreme Court upheld the use of race as one of the factors that universities may consider when making admissions decisions.

Fisher supporters contest the ruling in Grutter v. Bollinger and argue that affirmative action policies lead to “reverse discrimination” in which white applicants are rejected in favor of minority students with lower grades or test scores.

This position fails to account for the widespread structural disadvantages faced by many minority students. From inadequate schools to discrimination and financial barriers, many minority students face a range of obstacles that are often overlooked simply because they are so strongly embedded in the social structure. Recent research has identified a number of problems with relying on entrance exam scores to determine an applicant’s suitability. For example, the correlation between entrance exam scores and college performance is shaky at best, suggesting that students who take advantage of the opportunities afforded by universities can outperform those with high academic achievement in high school.

Advocates of “financial affirmative action” push for color-blind consideration of economic disadvantages in university admissions. Promising students from struggling families would be awarded admission and financial aid regardless of their race. This position seems like a reasonable way to help disadvantaged students while transcending racial categorization. However, as much as we would like to believe that race is no longer a determining factor in American society, the financial disparities between races prove that it is.

Economic disadvantage and race are not independent variables and shouldn’t be considered as such. For now, we must continue considering race in college admissions in order to narrow those economic gaps. If it achieves its goals, this kind of affirmative action will not be necessary forever.

The on-campus diversity fostered by affirmative action also encourages students of different races to get to know each other and develop a broader world view. Universities understand the importance of racial and cultural diversity to enhancing their students’ learning experience, and affirmative action policies allow admissions officers to ensure that each incoming class has a fair representation of racial groups.

Diversity is also an attractive quality to prospective students, and university reviews often include an assessment of racial and cultural variety. College Prowler, a student-based directory of colleges and universities throughout the country, gives UT an A for diversity in contrast to Texas Tech’s B- and Texas A&M’s C+. Such rankings reflect favorably upon the University’s efforts to create an inclusive on-campus atmosphere.

Affirmative action policies such as the one in place at UT benefit society by extending opportunities for higher education and slowly bridging the socioeconomic gaps between races. In deciding Fisher v. The University of Texas at Austin, the Supreme Court should take into account the far-reaching implications that race still carries in America as well as the long-term benefits that affirmative action policies confer upon society and the way in which it is structured.

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Equip students with the language skills they need



By Melissa Macaya
Daily Texan Columnist

Hablas Español? This is a question UT students entering the professional world will increasingly be asked. UT’s recent budget cuts, however, have affected the institution’s ability to promote bilingualism in students who are often expected to exhibit fluent language skills in an increasingly competitive market.

College campuses are supposed to be excellent places for students to learn another language. Students can solidify language skills gained in high school and learn completely new languages during their college years. Indeed, UT offers around 30 languages including such exotic options as Yoruba and Sanskrit. There are also more than 100 study abroad programs available for students to put their language skills to practical use among native speakers. Organizations such as the Partnership for the Advancement of Language and Culture (PALS) host activities around campus for students to practice languages and meet international students.

But these excellent opportunities are increasingly at risk. The state Legislature slashed funding to the University last year. The cuts hit ethnic and language study programs especially hard. The Department of Asian Studies, for instance, lost 30 percent of its budget, resulting in Vietnamese courses being offered only in the summer at UT’s Language Center.

Aside from the problem of reduced funding, many students do not take advantage of the language opportunities on campus. Many majors require four semesters of a language. However, some students opt to take the credits at a nearby community college or through online courses

rather than take more challenging language classes on campus.

The exponential growth in the number of Spanish speakers in the state and country highlights the importance of bilingualism among college students who want to set themselves apart to employers. Whether it is Spanish, French or Chinese, it pays to be bilingual. Additionally, being bilingual has been proven to improve cognitive skills. Research has shown that children who know two languages more easily solve problems that involve misleading cues. Most importantly, bilingual individuals help keep the U.S. competitive in an increasingly globalized world.

So how is the United States faring worldwide in its bilingual abilities? Not well at all. Only about 26 percent of adult Americans can speak a language other than English well enough to hold a conversation, according to a Gallup poll. In Europe, the number of bilinguals exceeds 56 percent. While the European Union’s education system instructs children in their mother tongue alongside two other European languages, dual language education programs are scarce in the United States.

As a bilingual individual, speaking English and Spanish has proven to be not only handy, but also indispensable in my academic and professional life. I grew up attending a bilingual program in Venezuela and learned both English and Spanish simultaneously. Being bilingual has been an enormous asset when applying to graduate school, fellowships and jobs. The reality is that for many employers, being bilingual has almost become an expectation. Colleges must equip students with the language skills they need to successfully navigate our globalized society.

Macaya is a journalism and Latin American studies senior



THE FIRING LINE

Not guilty by association

Although I mostly agree with the sentiment of Katherine Taylor’s Thursday column “Scandals perpetuate apathy toward Student Government elections,” I was disappointed by her failure to indicate that, in the case of the Yaman Desai/Whitney Langston campaign disqualification, Langston’s hands are apparently clean.

Desai said she had no knowledge of the e-mail exchanges in question. Unfortunately, Taylor’s column suggests otherwise. Without providing any supporting argument, it hastily assumes that Langston was far more involved than she actually was. I doubt Langston appreciates this scarlet letter of guilt by association. Taylor is one of my favorite Texan columnists, and I know she’s capable of more careful fact-checking.

Matt Portillo

Music and rhetoric and writing senior

Elections are not Student Government

Since we took office in April, a personal mantra of the Student Government executive board has been to “let the student voice be heard.” We’ve worked tirelessly over the past 10 months to make that a reality. However, in light of recent events, we’d like to let our voice be heard.

Student Government is often referred to as an institution. We do not deny this. Since 1902, SG has worked to positively impact the lives of students. Buildings have been built, positions have been created, events have been planned and services have been provided because students voiced a need, and SG heard it.

This past year, a student seat has been added to the University Budget Council; Welcome Week and Safety Week drew the largest crowds to date; immense improvements to both risk management procedures and appropriations processes have changed the way student organizations are run; and a much-anticipated Longhorn Run has harnessed the restless spirit of students from all across campus. These are examples from a long list of hard-won achievements.

In spite of these accomplishments, we know that SG

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we’re composed of three branches that can have different goals. However, we have all, at one point or another, come together under the common goal of working for students.

As we look to the coming weeks, we have two, maybe three, executive alliances before us, each with something new to offer SG. What one may offer in experience, another may offer in perspective — both of which are necessary to represent students.

The events of the past few days reflect poorly on SG and detract from our mission to earnestly represent students at the University of Texas. The time surrounding elections brings out heightened emotions and does not display SG at its most productive. We ask that students remember that elections are but a few short weeks out of an entire year. Elections are not Student Government. Thoughtful representation and the positive change we can bring is Student Government.

It takes guts to file in an election and even more to survive one. It is our sincere hope that eventual winner ensures that the institution of UT Student Government survives, that its project remains steadfast and its reputation is continually built on and that the student voice continues to be heard.

Natalie Butler and Ashley Baker

Student Government president and vice-president

Longhorn Bars provide healthy energy, healthy profits

UT alumni hope new spirited snack will fuel students

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

With an interest in helping the University and providing healthy food, two Texas Exes members created a brand of energy and protein bars that has gained momentum since its launch in November 2011.

Martha Smiley, co-founder of Longhorn Bars and UT Law alumna, began discussing the idea of the Longhorn Bar in 2010 with co-founder and UT alumna Linda Addison. Smiley said offering a healthy snack to Longhorn fans, while helping fund future Longhorn educations, was the idea behind their invention.

“We liked the idea of working on the behalf of the University and were interested in healthy food choices for people and understood the power of the Longhorn brand,” Smiley said.

Smiley said the Longhorn Bars product had to attain a license in order to use the Longhorn brand and, once that license was approved, an agreeable percentage of the product’s proceeds had to be returned to the University.

“We decided to give back 12 percent of our product’s royalties to the academic side of the University because public universities have been under such public funding pressure in the past few years,” Smiley said.

Christopher Kennedy, operations manager for Longhorn Bars, said the snack is now being sold in approximately 80 locations in Texas, including campus convenience stores and the University Co-op.

“It’s a really good tasting bar and the convenience of finding it locally, whether in Jester Center or Cypress Bend Café, is a healthy and affordable option that you don’t have to go far to get.”

Kennedy said a plan to stock Longhorn Bars on the shelves of more retail stores is in the process.

“We’re looking to have Longhorn Bars at Academy Sports and Outdoors and just looking for the next drugstores and convenience stores to carry the bars,” Kennedy said.

Susan Hochman, University Health Services manager, said Longhorn Bars would be included in the “Safe Spring Break Kits” that will be handed out in the West Mall the week before spring break as a way for students to stay energized.

“To keep energy levels up during the day, we encourage students to snack,” Hochman said. “We don’t label any foods as ‘good’ foods or ‘bad’ foods, but we do stress the importance of moderation and variety in what students choose as snacks.”

Hochman said including these snack bars in the kit will be a way for students to grab breakfast on the go.

“We stress the importance of eating breakfast every day, but our research shows that many students skip it because it’s hard to squeeze it into their schedules,” Hochman said. “They tell us they’d be more likely to eat breakfast if they could just grab it and go and many ‘bar foods’ fit the bill for both snacking and a portable breakfast.”

— Susan Hochman,
University Health Services manager



Longhorn Bars, a brand of energy and protein snacks, was created by two Texas Exes in November. Twelve percent of the product’s royalties are given back to the University.

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SHAC treasurer Shreeya Popat listens during the second annual “Hands Up for Health” town hall meeting Thursday evening. The meeting united the UHS and student body in campus health decisions.

Rebecca Howeth
Daily Texan Staff

Student health committee seeks peer input

By Paxton Thomes
Daily Texan Staff

A University committee for student health is seeking student input on services and programs provided by University Health Services.

The Student Health Advisory Committee is a student-appointed organization that is dedicated to being the voice of students within University Health Services and strives to improve the health of college students across campus. SHAC hosted “Hands Up for Health” Thursday, their second annual town hall meeting, dedicated to facilitating an open dialogue between the University Health Services staff and students of the University.

Shreeya Popat, a Plan II senior and treasurer of SHAC, said SHAC wants students to understand that UHS is working for them and that their concerns are at the forefront of the center’s goals.

“We bridge the gap between the UHS and the student body,” Popat said. “We are utilized for a student perspective and used to inform students about the resources the UHS has to offer.”

The main concern students voiced was getting more outside student involvement in UHS and how to get information on resources UHS provides. The panel also took suggestions and answered students’ questions.

International relations and global studies senior Kaushi Kogar said she wants students to be more aware of programs offered through UHS.

“The meeting taught me that the faculty of the University Health Services is reaching out more than I initially expected,” Kogar said.

Jessica Hughes Wagner, UHS health promotion specialist, said one of the main things that the panel would like to hear is what students perceive as common health concerns on campus.

“We have data showing statistics of the common health problems on campus,” Wagner said. “We want to know the bigger student picture and the major things influencing students medically.”

Biology senior and SHAC president Kyle Scott said he thought the meeting went well and there was plenty of student feedback to work from.

“I learned that communication is very important,” Scott said. “A lot of the issues brought up were about communication and getting the information out there.”

Scott said one of the main goals for SHAC in the future is to hit a broader audience to get more student involvement.

“We just want to get the message out there,” Scott said. “Whether it be by forming a new committee or networking with different student organizations.”

Occupy UT mirrors previous generations’ political activism

By David Maly
Daily Texan Staff

Student activists past and present came together Thursday night to inspire current students to continue working for change.

The event was organized by Occupy UT, but registered with the University as a program sponsored by the International Socialist Organization, said government sophomore Lucy Griswold. The presentation involved former UT students speaking about their experience as participants in campus political controversy going as far back as the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The speakers told stories in the West Mall and related their past political experiences to the struggles of the Occupy UT participants today and urged Occupy UT protesters to carry on with their fight.

Thorne Webb Dreyer, former UT student and co-founder of The Rag, an underground student newspaper started at UT in 1966, said he sees definite similarities between the Occupy Movement and the Vietnam and Civil Rights protests he was a part of in the 1960s. Dreyer said he did not complete his degree at UT because he chose to pursue an early career in underground media.

Both movements sprang up quickly, dealt with societal inequality and were the inevitable result of an inefficient governmental system, Dreyer said. The main difference between the two is that one was racial and the other economic.

“Power to the people,” he said. “That’s what we used to say, now it’s ‘we are the 99 percent.’ It’s basically the same thing.”

Austin Van Zant, 2004 UT alumnus and co-founder of UT Watch, a University political watchdog group, said Occupy UT’s issue with obtaining University records is similar to the issues he faced when investigating the original deregulation of tuition at the University in 2002.

“I dealt with a lot of government agencies and UT is one of the worst in terms of stonewalling government documents,” Van Zant said. “They overcharge, ask questions they sometimes shouldn’t be asking and just make it difficult.”

Van Zant described the strategies he and other members of UT Watch used to get access to government documents almost a decade ago. There are various legal protections and ways to avoid excessive costs when obtaining public documents, Van Zant said. “I really hope they can get some fresh ideas out of this,” he said.

Anthropology senior Elizabeth Melville said she has a stake in the movement, specifically over the issue of tuition control, and hopes that Occupy UT causes change.

“I’m paying for UT myself and when tuition goes up \$500, I have to work a lot harder,” she said. “I hope that it is successful, but UT is really invested in keeping the University how it is. I don’t know what to expect.”

The speakers served multiple purposes, said Griswold, who is also an Occupy UT participant.

“They showed how many of the political issues of the past still exist today and shared experiences that we can learn from,” Griswold said. “Specifically, democracy and transparency are issues that have existed with UT going back to at least the 1960s. University documents are hard to obtain and the administration is growing evermore powerful.”

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Horns seeking upset over top ranked Kansas

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns may have done enough to secure an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament with Wednesday's win over Oklahoma, but a victory at No. 3 Kansas on Saturday would all but assure the Longhorns of a 14th consecutive trip to the Big Dance.

Texas (19-11, 9-8 Big 12) guaranteed at least a .500 record in conference after beating OU 72-64, but the Longhorns would be wise to add to their tournament resume. UT's best win came against No. 23 Temple on Dec. 17, so it's been a while since Texas had a signature win.

An upset of the conference champion Jayhawks on Saturday at Allen Fieldhouse would be exactly that. Texas sits firmly on the NCAA tournament bubble, but that hasn't discouraged the Longhorns.

"There's no pressure," said point guard Myck Kabongo. "We just have to go out there and ball and do what we do best."

The last time Texas made a trip to KU on Jan. 22, 2011, the Longhorns beat the Jayhawks 74-63 to end Kansas' school record 69-game win streak at home. KU hasn't lost a game at Allen Fieldhouse since then and are 15-0 at home this season.

J'Covan Brown scored 23 points in 29 minutes of the bench in that game to lead Texas. The Longhorns are a completely different team this year, however, with Brown and senior forwards Clint Chapman and Alexis Wangmene being the only holdovers.

Still, Brown is confident the six



Junior J'Covan Brown fades away over three Oklahoma defenders. Brown was a catalyst in Texas' 74-63 win in Lawrence last season, but Kansas has not lost at home since. If Texas pulls off the upset, it would add a much needed boost to its NCAA tournament resume.

Texas freshmen will be able to handle one of college basketball's most raucous crowds.

"We're going to walk in there together, we're going to have swag and we're going to fight and show the world that we can be right there," said Brown, who leads the Big 12 in scoring.

But the Longhorns will need more than swag to knock off the best the Big 12 has to offer.

It's the final regular season game for each team and KU will celebrate senior night. The Jayhawks have won 28 straight home finales and will honor Tyshawn Taylor, Conner Teahan and Jordan Juenemann.

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Team sits on Bubble Watch as tournament approaches

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas is currently on a lunch date in college basketball's equivalent of the friend zone.

Not to conjure images of MTV's "Friendzone," which is every bit as awkward as you imagine, but the Longhorns are not in a comfortable position.

The zone, or "bubble," is a place where mediocre teams vie for a chance to eventually get knocked out of the NCAA tournament, or every once in a while make an exciting run that also ends in elimination. Not to be the bearer of bad news, but this Texas team isn't exactly built for a long postseason run. However, a bid does keep head coach Rick Barnes' streak

of 12 straight trips to the Big Dance alive, and as of Thursday "March Madness" is officially underway, so who knows what can happen.

But first, Texas needs to get there.

The bubble usually consists of a group of teams that basically coasted through conference play. These teams will have some questionable losses, maybe a surprise win or two and near .500 conference and overall records. The Longhorns can go ahead and check the boxes for all the above prerequisites. Losses to Oregon State and Oklahoma State look pretty bad for the Longhorns right now, their road record isn't great and even with a loss at No. 3 Kansas this weekend, they would own a 9-9 conference record.

According to ESPN's resident bracketologist, Joe Lunardi, the bubble can be broken down into three specific areas: "Last Four In," "First Four Out" and "Next Four Out." That puts the collective bubble at around 12 teams, give or take a few depending on the year.

Lunardi has Texas among his Last Four In, along with Miami, Northwestern and Xavier, all teams vying for a proposed



Northwestern experienced the pain of their bubble possibly popping in their last second loss to Ohio State on Monday. Texas is in the same position, and needs a strong finish to secure its tournament spot.

BASEBALL

Survivor's instinct needed for strong showing in Houston

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

In Texas' 2-0 win over Houston Baptist Tuesday night — a game in which neither team scored before the seventh inning stretch — Texas head coach Augie Garrido cited a "survivor's instinct" that helped his team snap a five-game losing streak.

Texas first saw it in its second game of the season after falling behind 2-0

in the second inning against Duke before scoring three in the bottom half of the frame and eventually triumphing, 5-3. But that would mark the Longhorns' last win until this week as they dropped five straight contests, their longest drought without a victory since 2001. Now they set their sights on Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros, hoping to continue displaying that

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Right fielder Mark Payton rounds the bases for the Longhorns on offense. Payton wants Texas to play this weekend's games with confidence.

SOFTBALL

Washington's speed an asset to Texas



Sophomore Brejae Washington has been an integral part of Texas' lineup hitting .388 this season. Her speed is the key to her game as she set the single season record for steals last year as a freshman, and already has an inside-the-park home run this year

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

Sam Houston State Bearkats.

Last season as a freshman, Washington set the Texas record for stolen bases in a single season with 38. She also set the record for most triples in a game, at two, in the Longhorn's win against Wisconsin last season. Washington also excelled at the conference level, sitting at first in the Big 12 with five season triples.

Washington excelled in both track and softball in high school, attracting many colleges. Even before she stepped foot on the 40 Acres, her quick feet excited the Texas coaching staff.

"[She] runs at a whole different level," said Texas head coach Connie Clark after Washington signed her letter of intent to play at Texas. "She has tremendous speed. She is the fastest Longhorn we have ever had, and she will put serious pressure on the defense."

Her speed has already been a blessing this season. In mid-February, the Longhorns were down

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Nicole Vandermade
Senior Golfer

What: Darius Rucker Intercollegiate

When: March 2-4

Where: Hilton Head, S.C.

What to look for:

No. 19 Texas tees off against five of the nation's top 25 opponents in the second tournament of the spring, including No. 2 Alabama.

Star Watch:

Senior Nicole Vandermade is looking for her third consecutive top ten finish against some of the nation's top golfers. Vandermade has ascended the ranks to as high as No. 7 individually in the country this season and currently sits at No. 17. She will be tested this weekend against four of the nation's top ten golfers.

Last Time:

After a strong opening round at the UCF Challenge, Texas struggled in the second round dropping them five places in the standings. The Longhorns scrapped back in the final round with one of the field's best rounds to finish 9th and in the top-half of the field. Vandermade finished 9th overall individually.

What's on the Line:

Although there will not be any current Big 12 opponents competing at this tournament, the defending conference champs must reassert their prowess as No. 20 Baylor, No. 22 Texas A&M and No. 28 Texas Tech are right on Texas' heels. Baylor topped Texas by 26 strokes at the UCF Challenge just three weeks ago, finishing second overall. Future Big 12 opponent TCU will be in the field this weekend.

The Course:

Long Cove Club golf course is known for its beautiful, but also challenging holes. Located on Hilton Head Island on the Atlantic coast, the par-71 6,160 yard course has ranked in the top 100 courses to play by Golf Digest each of the last thirty years.

—Blake McAdams

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No. 12/13 seed. Being among the last four teams in would mean that Texas would have to play one of four play-in games in order to make the 64-team field. Come Selection Sunday on March 11, this could be an entirely different group due to the unpredictability of a bubble team's success.

Northwestern just lost a close game to Ohio State, Miami was defeated by North Carolina State and Xavier was routed by Saint Louis. All of these results make the Longhorns' win over rival Oklahoma on Wednesday that much bigger. If the Longhorns can continue to perform better than the other teams vying for seeds in the No. 10-13 range, they could find themselves dancing.

Other teams like South Florida, Colorado State and Connecticut are all starting to play their way into the tournament with big wins down the stretch, and high strength of schedules ranks to boot. Oregon, Dayton, Central Florida and Saint

Joesph's also fall into the bubble area and could all make a case for a bid.

Many of these teams have a final conference game to play before entering their respective conference tournament in hopes of one last shot at improving their resumes. If Texas wins a game in its conference tournament, there's not much chance the NCAA tournament selection committee leaves them out of the expanded 68-team field. A 20-win Texas team along with Barnes' record is a lot to pass up, and the Longhorns are always a big draw around the nation.

In the coming weeks, these 12 or so teams will be put to the test to see who can come out with an at-large bid. With conference tournaments gearing up, these teams will either benefit or suffer depending on each individual result. It's one of the most exciting and painful times of the year for fans of college basketball.

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Taylor carried KU (25-5, 15-2) down the stretch when the Jayhawks beat Texas 69-66 on Jan. 21 in Austin. He's one of the top point guards in the country and will challenge Kabongo defensively.

March signals crunch time for

a handful of teams on the tournament bubble every year. If the Longhorns want to make it to their 14th straight NCAA tourney, a win on Saturday should get them in.

"If we're good enough, we'll be where we need to be," said Texas head coach Rick Barnes. "March is a great time. This is when you've got to want to play. This is the best time of year if you're a college basketball player."

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2-1 against No. 10 Tennessee in the bottom of the ninth inning when Washington stepped up to the plate. Washington laid down a solid shot right inside the fence at Red & Charline McCombs Field. What should have been a base hit turned into an in-the-park home run for the sophomore — a rare feat.

"I've only ever hit a home run like that in rec ball," Washington said after the win. "The outfielders had been playing very close

up to the infield, so I figured any gap I could hit into would be a triple. I was not expecting an inside-the-park home run though. I was looking for something down that I could drive."

The Longhorns hope that they can use Washington's speed to their advantage as they host Sam Houston State this weekend. The Bearkats, who are 1-10 for the season, have already given up 12 stolen bases. Washington leads the team in stolen bases with 10, and Texas has stolen a total of 36 bases this season.

The first game is slated for 5 p.m. tonight and will be aired on the Longhorn Network.



Ashely Gayle and the rest of the Longhorns senior class will lead the team into Texas A&M for the last time, as conference foes. The seniors would like nothing more than a win over their rivals to end their regular season careers, and add to their tournament resumes

Sa Wang
Daily Texan Staff

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors look for victory in team's last trip to A&M

By **Stefan Scrafield**
Daily Texan Staff

Texas' seniors could not have drawn up a more dramatic departure.

The veteran trio will play their final game at the Frank Erwin Center on Sunday in what will also be the last Big 12 meeting between the Longhorns and storied rival No. 17 Texas A&M (20-8, 11-6 Big 12). Factor in the must-win nature of the contest and you get one heck of a storyline.

"Obviously there's a lot riding on this game," said senior Ashley Gayle. "There are just so many emotions in a game like this. We're all very excited. It's always fun to play A&M, and we beat them last time out so that's huge for our confidence."

The Longhorns (17-12, 7-10 Big 12) defeated the Aggies in College Station in early January and will need to come up with another big upset this weekend as they look to boost their NCAA tournament resume before heading to Kansas City for the Big 12 Championships.

Considering the struggles that head coach Gail Goostenkors and her senior class have had against the

Aggies, a season sweep would be a great way to go out.

"The rivalry is pretty intense," Goostenkors said. "Not just since we've been here, but for more than 100 years, these two schools have been battling it out. We're fortunate to have the opportunity to play in the last ever Big 12 game between us two. It's going to be a statement game just like it was when our football team beat theirs earlier this year."

Prior to this year's victory, Texas' senior trio of Gayle, Ashleigh Fontenette and Yvonne Anderson were 0-6 against Texas A&M, while Goostenkors was also win-less at 0-8.

"To finally get a win this year was definitely the high point in the rivalry for me," Fontenette said. "It had just been so long since we beat them. We'd come close a few times, but to finally get that win under our belts this year was huge for our confidence."

This year's senior crop also holds a special place in Longhorn history as they were coach Goostenkors' first recruiting class. As Goostenkors looked to build upon the team that former head coach and Longhorn legend Jody Conradt had left be-

"We've taken it one game at a time and we've poured our heart into everything we do on the court."

— Ashleigh Fontenette, basketball senior

hind, she made a lasting impression on the trio and was a big part of why they chose Texas.

"Coach Goostenkors' hire really got the ball rolling for us," Anderson said. "Obviously the academic staff, the campus, the city of Austin and the fans all had to do with why we chose Texas, but to have the opportunity to play for a coach like Gail [Goostenkors] was just such an honor."

While there have been several moments over the past four years that have helped these seniors develop the tight-knit relationship they currently enjoy, perhaps the biggest moment came just a couple of weeks ago, before the Baylor game. Just prior to tip-off, Goostenkors sat all three seniors down and talked to them about what they need to do to finish off their careers the right way.

"[Goostenkors] just talked to us about having no regrets," Fontenette said. "We just want to leave it all on the court. We don't want to have to look back and feel like we didn't do enough. Ever since that conversation, we've taken it one game at a time and we've poured our heart into everything we do on the court."

Texas has won two of three games since that night, with both wins coming in a convincing fashion. If they can find a way to win one more, these seniors might just create a new favorite memory.

"We've done some pretty cool things since I've been here," Gayle said. "Going to the Virgin Islands and our trip to Europe were both a lot of fun, but to sweep A&M on senior night, that would probably be a pretty cool experience."

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"survivor's instinct" Garrido referred to.

"It's like a life-or-death situation — either the pitcher's going to kill you or you're going to kill the pitcher," said sophomore out-fielder Mark Payton. "We need to have confidence going into every game knowing that we belong on the same field as every team in the nation."

Today, Texas will begin the Houston College Classic by squaring off against No. 4 Rice, followed by a game against Tennessee Saturday before the Longhorns face Arkansas Sunday.

The Texas pitching staff was shelved to the tune of 15 runs in last weekend's series finale against No. 3 Stanford, 13 of them coming in a forgettable fourth inning. But the Longhorns' hurlers bounced back nicely against the Huskies Tuesday as six pitchers combined to blank Houston Baptist and allow only three hits, all singles and only two of which left the infield.

"After the Stanford series, there

might have been some doubts about our pitching staff," said sophomore pitcher Nathan Thornhill, who will start today against Rice. "But we have good pitchers here."

Offensively, however, Texas is still struggling. The Longhorns' lineup pushed just enough runs across in their last game to pull out a win but still have a team batting average below .200. But the Texas hitters have thrived late in games as they are batting .271 in the last two innings of contests this season, nearly 80 points higher than their average for all innings, and have scored 13 of their 23 runs in that situation.

"We've got great hitters," Thornhill said. "They just need to get confident. I think that's what's lacking right now is just confidence, in everything we do. And we have no reason not to be confident."

Before the Longhorns traveled to Palo Alto, where they were swept by Stanford last week, Garrido said Texas wasn't ready for the

series with the Cardinal. But Garrido, who has used different lineups in each of his team's first eight games this year, is a bit more optimistic heading into this weekend.

"I have every reason to have more hope," Garrido said. "I think that they have a right to be confident because they've played at a much higher level."

Garrido added that the lineup won't vary much this week from the one Texas used at the end of the Tuesday's contest. That lineup included Payton and senior Tim Maitland in the first two spots, junior Jonathan Walsh batting clean-up, sophomore Alex Silver at designated hitter, as well as freshman Brooks Marlow (batting sixth) at second base and senior Jordan Etier (batting ninth) at shortstop.

So, don't expect the Longhorns' lineup to change from game to game as much as it has so far this season. And don't look for Texas to lose its "survivor's instinct" either.

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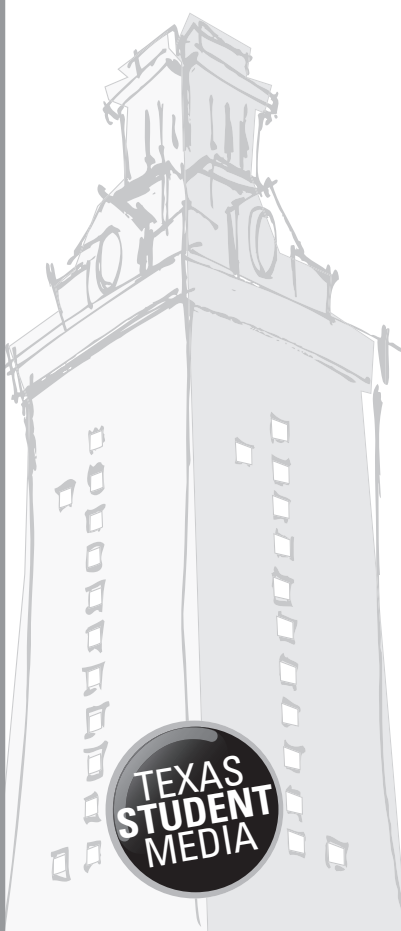
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WOMEN'S TRACK

Longhorns see final meet 'Last Chance' to advance

Justin Otto
Texan Staff

the high jump today at the Last
Chance meet in Fayetteville,

Texas squares off with future Big 12 member TCU Sunday

No. 50 in the rankings, and junior Daniel Whitehead at No. 79. For doubles, junior Chris Camillone and sophomore David Holiner sit at No. 35 in the rankings.

TCU is coming off a 6-1 loss against No. 12 Texas A&M last Saturday. The Horned Frogs will face Arizona in Fort Worth today before traveling to Austin.

Texas added two wins to their season total last Saturday with a 7-0 shutout of UT-Arlington, followed by a 6-1 win over UT-San Antonio. In the match against UTSA, the Longhorns swept the doubles, but found themselves in some trouble in the singles matches, with five of the six matches going to third sets.

The match against TCU kicks off a busy week for the team, as they will return to the courts next week with a Thursday match-up against San Diego and a doubleheader against No. 23 Florida State and No. 71 Nicholls State next Saturday.

Five Horns attempt to better their times to make nationals

The Longhorns prepare to shave seconds and inches off their qualifying times at the Last Chance Meets this weekend. Five members of Texas' men's track and field will compete at Arkansas, Iowa State and Notre Dame to improve their performances to qualify for the fast-approaching NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

While last weekend's Big 12 Indoor Championships resulted in several first place finishes and burnt orange atop the medalist platform, a few competitors still need to meet the precise standards required to compete among the nation's best.

The distance medley relay team consisting of Kyle Thompson, Patrick McGregor, CJ Jessett and Dereck Dreyer will head to Notre Dame, Ind. for

The Alex Wilson Invitational. The team is set to run at 2 p.m. today. Kyle Thompson is also expected to run in the 800-meter and is just three-tenths shy of achieving the 800-meter automatic qualifying time of 1:48.20. McGregor is set to run the mile on Saturday.

Triple jumper Mark Jackson will fly to Fayetteville, Ark., today to jump for the qualifying mark of 16.30 meters. He is currently coming off a Big 12 Indoor Championship in the event.

Seconds and inches appear as insignificant measurements to the average person. But for these five track and field stars, they are the standards that will ultimately decide their fate as national competitors. The Longhorns look to amp up their performances this weekend in hopes to secure a spot at the NCAA Indoor Championship March 9-10 in Nampa, Idaho.

Longhorns see final meet as 'Last Chance' to advance

Although the Last Chance Meets might sound melodramatic, their slightly intimidating description accurately embodies the essence of Week 7, the last of the regular season for Division I NCAA women's track and field.

At the Big 12 Indoor Championships, Texas' primary concern was to earn overall points in an attempt to claim a conference title as a team. However, this weekend the focus will shift to individual performances.

Numerous Texas athletes currently occupy spots in the top-35 national ranks but have yet to attain NCAA qualifying marks. Consequently, the team will split up this weekend to compete in the Last Chance Meets — the final opportunities for Longhorns to qualify in their respective events for the 2012 NCAA Indoor Championships in Nampa, Idaho.

Beverly Owoyele, as well as Victoria Lucas and Shanay Briscoe, who both have personal bests this season that are within a half-meter of the event's automatic qualifying mark, 1.85-meters, will compete in

the high jump today at the Last Chance meet in Fayetteville, Ark. In other field events, long jumper A'Lexus Brannon and shot putter Amanda Van Dyke will also be looking to qualify for Nationals.

With a time of 3:32.42, the No. 4 Texas 4x400-meter relay team, composed of Stacey-Ann Smith, Allison Peter, Briana Nelson and Kendra Chambers, qualified for Nationals at the Big 12 conference championships. However, UT 400-meter runners Chambers and Nelson will travel to Fayetteville and try to qualify for the NCAA Championships as individuals, challenged by the event's 52.60 qualifying mark.

The eighth Longhorn looking to qualify at the Last Chance Meet in Arkansas will be freshman Morgan Snow who will compete in the 60-meter hurdles.

Hoping to hit the NCAA qualifying mark in the mile, sophomore Marielle Hall will make a solo appearance at the Last Chance Meet in Birmingham, Ala. on Saturday.

The athletes who succeed at the Last Chance Meets in reaching qualifying marks will compete in the NCAA Championships on March 9-10.

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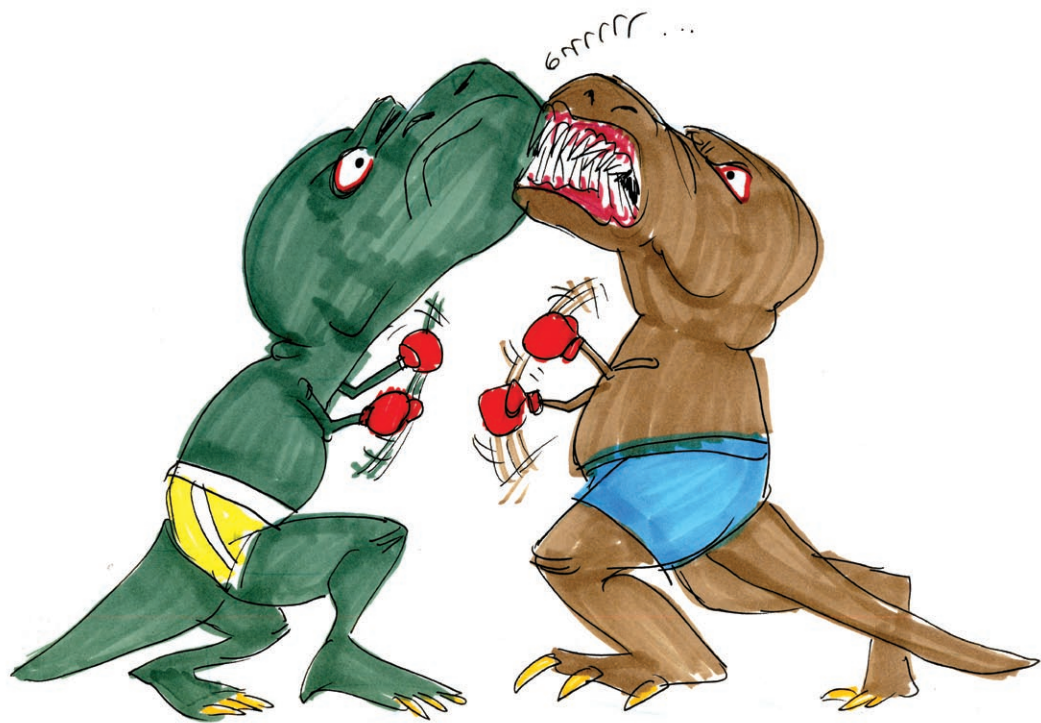
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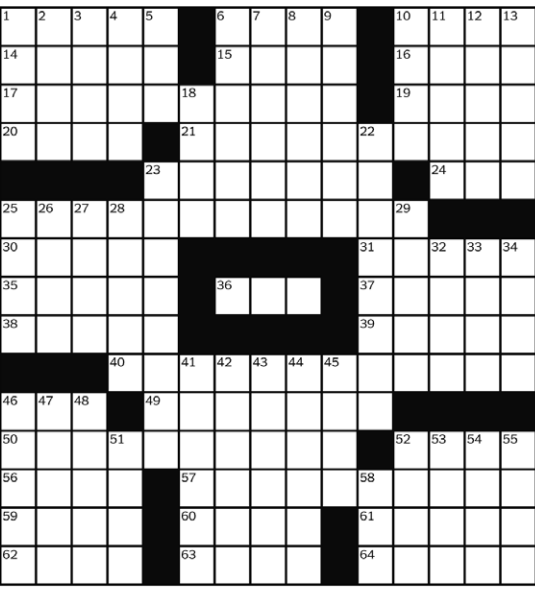
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- Across**
- 1 Actress Stone and others
 - 6 "Just playin' with ya"
 - 10 Base characters?
 - 14 Meccan, e.g.
 - 15 Ones sitting on pads
 - 16 Cut off one's ears?
 - 17 One asking questions he already knows the answers to
 - 19 Cousin of contra-
 - 20 Highness
 - 21 "Figures I'd have this problem!"
 - 23 French expert in body language?
 - 24 Draw back
 - 25 Education dissemination locations
 - 30 Solidifying agents
 - 31 Vase lookalikes
 - 35 Bouncing off the walls
 - 36 Enclosure ... and an alphabetical listing of letters not appearing elsewhere in this puzzle's answer
 - 37 Sylvester's "Rocky" co-star
 - 38 A Ford
 - 39 "___ Girl" ("Bells Are Ringing" tune)
 - 40 One swimming with flippers
 - 46 Logical ending
 - 49 Accessible for shooting
 - 50 Like pool racks
 - 52 Host of PBS's "Scientific American Frontiers"
 - 56 Baseball All-Star Kinsler and others
 - 57 "1984" shelfmate
 - 59 Ordeal for jrs.
 - 60 Part of some pools
 - 61 Rose partially
 - 62 Clinic shipments
 - 63 Henry James biographer
 - 64 Least desirable parts
- Down**
- 1 A.B.A. members' titles
 - 2 Wailuku's county
 - 3 California's ___ Woods
 - 4 Wood shop shaper
 - 5 "Scrooge" star, 1951
 - 6 "Likely story"
 - 7 Lawn flamingos and such
 - 8 Pop alternative
 - 9 With 12-Down, lidocaine delivery option
 - 10 Risk board territory
 - 11 Stack at IHOP, say
 - 12 See 9-Down
 - 13 Like some punk hairstyles
 - 18 Cracked open
 - 22 Stocking-up time?
 - 23 Lay claim forcibly
 - 25 Weak
 - 26 Quaint euphemism
 - 27 Film holders

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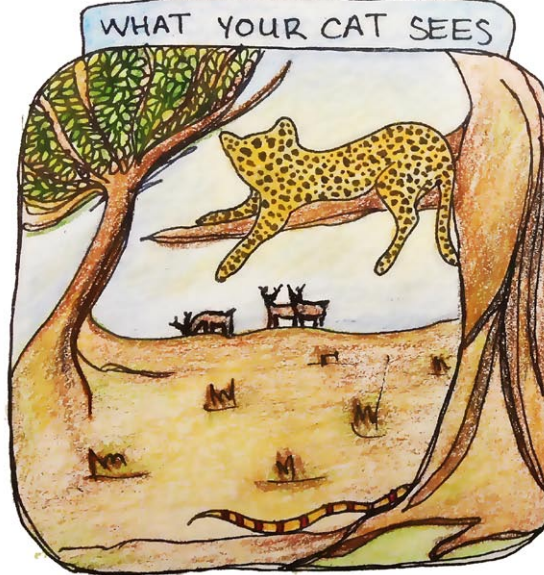
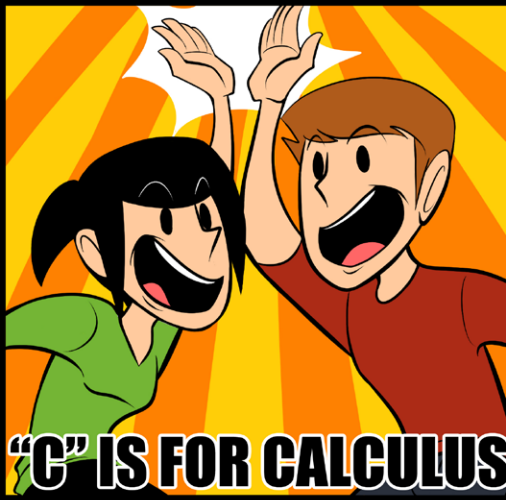
- 28 True companion?
- 29 Pundit
- 32 Highness: Abbr.
- 33 Mass action
- 34 Mosel tributary
- 41 Begin a conversation with
- 42 Cut back
- 43 Contact liquid
- 44 Nail topper
- 45 Home to a much-visited tomb
- 46 Sticks in a makeup bag
- 47 Sweep the board?
- 48 Mosul money
- 51 The Charleses' pet
- 52 Not close
- 53 Like fashionable partygoers?
- 54 It may knock you out
- 55 Concert pieces
- 58 54-Down for a trip

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KOROTH: EPILOGUE



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Photo Courtesy of Warner Brothers and Associated Press
(From Left) Oliver Cooper, Thomas Mann and Jonathan Daniel Brown enjoy the calm before the storm in “Project X.”

PARTY

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genre). That’s about it as far as the story goes for “Project X.” Even though the narrative is wafer-thin, “Project X” never fails to entertain. From the beginning, it gets plenty of laughs just from the friends ripping on each other, and once the party starts, the film picks up steam. The party is practically a character in itself: it starts slow, setting up a few jokes and introducing a few elements and then methodically hits all its punch lines and pays off every joke perfectly, until the party hits a hilarious crescendo of absolute chaos. Going in, I certainly wasn’t ready for how insane “Project X” ends up being. By the end of the film, it’s easy to be taken aback by the level of lunacy the film

reaches for. Of the three main actors, Mann is the only one with any real experience with a supporting role in 2010’s “It’s Kind of a Funny Story,” but all three prove to be natural comedic presences throughout the film. Their friendships feel genuine. Even as the party of their lives rages around them, the trio still find time to bond and reflect on the madness around them — a human touch that keeps the film from devolving into empty high school wish fulfillment. Though “Project X” is a harmless film at heart, an empty ode to irresponsible decisions, its coda is morally rancid and hard to swallow. Once the sun rises and Thomas is forced to face the consequences of his decisions, the film isn’t sure what to do with itself. On one hand, its main character has essentially ruined his life by throwing this party that becomes

national news and a police matter, and on the other, he’s become wildly popular and gets the girl. “Project X” almost seems to say that the consequences are worth the rewards, but it’s a viewpoint as juvenile as the film itself. It leaves things on a distinctly sour note. Despite its wildly irrespon-

sible message, “Project X” is undeniably entertaining and should certainly be commended for just how thoroughly the film commits to its premise and the levels of insanity the it hits in the later moments. It’s a film with a rotten center but an exterior so funny and charming that it’s hard not to like.

MOVIE REVIEW



PROJECT X

Nima Nourizadeh

GENRE | Comedy

RUNTIME | 88 minutes

IF YOU LIKE | “The Hangover,”

“Scott Pilgrim vs. The World”

FASHION

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“As far as the stage design and party decor, we’re always inspired by the sets from music variety shows from the past like ‘Soul Train,’ ‘American Bandstand’ and ‘The Midnight Special,’” San Miguel said. And while the show will take on a funky and rebellious edge on one hand, it will soften up with sensibilities of the ‘30s on the other. Shari Gerstenberger, owner of Charm School Vintage, has embraced a turn of the century, jazz-themed inspiration for her collection. “There’s a lot of ‘70s, ‘80s and ‘90s stuff that’s really easy to come by, but I really love the craftsmanship, cuts and fabrics from this stuff from the ‘30s,” Gerstenberger said. “It’s period-related, but it’s no good to have museum pieces.”

For Gerstenberger’s collection, audiences can expect to see neutrals with injections of vibrant color along with a variety of texture combinations like sequins, silk, leather and fur. English senior and Buffalo Exchange employee James Morua found his inspiration through classic colors and the juxtaposition between hard and soft. Morua said he’s been able to pull pieces from the everyday clothes people sell to the store, finding inspiration in miscellaneous items. The first set of looks will be more accessible as far as everyday wearability goes. Morua said since Buffalo Exchange will close the show, the second set of looks is intended to be high-fashion. “Freakout differs from other fashion shows because it’s much more high-energy,” Morua said. “The models and people watching the show are encouraged to have fun, be loud and get rowdy.”

HUMOR

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consider laughing with (and at) one another, a respite from their hectic days stacked with classes and extracurricular activities. “So when you’ve had a hell of a day in class and studying, it’s vital that you can look forward to the end of the day when your boo can ease your tensions,” Baker said. Davis agreed that humor is an important part of his relationship with Baker because it gives him a chance to forget the stressors of college life. “She is my chance to get away from the fast-paced hustle of my day, and I can be comfortable and have fun around Bailey,” Davis said. “That’s a huge deal.” It seems as if the millennial generation believes that the straight-faced serious moments of a relationship are few and far between, and that a sense of humor is essential for day-to-day life. Broadcast journalism junior Maddy Hays sees her sarcastic sense of humor as a perfect compliment to the quirky humor of her boyfriend, business honors senior Jeff Wilson. She places matching senses of humor toward the top of her personal list of the attractive qualities she hopes for in a boyfriend.

“It’s important to be able to share that humor in a relationship, because if you can’t laugh together every day, it’s not going to work out,” Hays said. “She’s always laughing which, of course, makes her fun to be around,” Wilson said of his girlfriend. “She even laughed when we got in a car wreck. She did ask if I was injured first.” When a couple shares a similar sense of humor, they can become truly close friends with or without romance. We find significance in the experience of finding someone who not only makes us laugh but also isn’t afraid to laugh at us. “Humor is what drives our relationship,” Wilson said. “It is what made us best friends before dating and brought us together.” Our generation has seen the power of comic relief to bring people together. From the political satire of Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert to the UT Memes page on Facebook, we connect through laughter. A sense of humor takes the pressure off of a formalized romance of the likes of Shakespearean literature and reminds us that love can be approachable. A sense of humor in a relationship reveals love on the non-holidays, in between the birthdays, Christmases and Valentine’s Days, and is, for this reason, coveted among college students now more than ever.



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The psychedelic sounds of the '60s, the rock 'n' roll and punk of the '70s and the heavy metal and new wave of the '80s will all be represented alongside the ensembles on the catwalk.

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